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TITLE OF INVENTION: POLYSIALIC ACID DERIVATIVES

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 10/568,111	Applicant(s) HRECZUK-HIRST ET AL.
	Examiner ERIC S. OLSON	Art Unit 1623

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Applicant's communication submitted March 16, 2009.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-10,21-24,30 and 31.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

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/Eric S Olson/
Examiner, Art Unit 1623

/Shaojia Anna Jiang/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1623

Detailed Action

This office action is a response to applicant's communication submitted March 16, 2009 wherein claims 1, 4-7, 9, 21, and 22 are amended, claims 2, 3, 11-19, and 25-29 are cancelled, and new claims 30 and 31 are introduced. This application is a national stage application of PCT/GB04/03488, filed August 12, 2004, which claims priority to foreign applications EP03254988.3, filed August 12, 2003, and EP03255300, filed August 12, 2003.

Claims 1, 4-10, 21-24, 30, and 31 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 4-10, 21-24, 30, and 31 as amended are examined on the merits herein.

Reasons for Allowance

Applicant's amendment to the specification, submitted March 16, 2009, has been fully considered and is not seen to introduce any new matter into the disclosure, as the previous paragraph (p. 7 lines 22-26) clearly indicate that the sialic acid and the cysteine are linked through a thioether group, and furthermore a linkage between N-succinimide and cysteine at the alpha position is typically a thioether linkage. Therefore the objection to the specification of record in the previous office action is withdrawn.

Applicant's amendment, submitted March 16, 2009, with respect to the rejection of instant claim 9 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for lacking written description for conjugates linked by a thioester bond, has been fully considered and found to be

persuasive to remove the rejection as claim 9 has been amended to refer to a thioether rather than a thioester. Therefore the rejection is withdrawn.

Applicant's amendment, submitted March 16, 2009, with respect to the rejection of instant claims 1-8, 10, 23, and 24 under 35 USC 103(a) for being obvious over Gregoriadis et al. in view of Ashkenazi et al., has been fully considered and found to be persuasive to remove the rejection as the claims have been amended to require that the polysaccharide be attached by its reducing end. Therefore the rejection is withdrawn.

The requirement for restriction between claims 1, 4-10, 23, 24, 30, and 31 and claims 21 and 22 is withdrawn in view of the allowability of claims 1 and 5 from which claims 21 and 22 depend. Therefore claims 21 and 22 are rejoined. All claims have been examined on the merits herein.

Currently claims 1, 4-10, 21-24, 30, and 31 are pending in this application and have been examined on the merits herein. Applicant's amendment submitted March 16, 2009, is seen to be persuasive to remove all rejections of record in the previous office action and place the application in condition for allowance. Reasons for allowance are as follows:

The claimed subject matter is seen to be adequately described and enabled by the specification as originally filed. P. 3 lines 19-31 of the specification describes the general concept of a sialic acid linked to a protein, by either the reducing or nonreducing

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end. P. 4 lines 5-14 specifically discloses attaching the protein to the terminal reducing unit. Different linkages including maleimido, iodoacetamide, vinylsulfone, and orthopyridyl disulfide are disclosed on p. 5 lines 4-13. The structure of claim 7 is already disclosed in the claims as originally filed. Polysialic acids are disclosed as a preferred embodiment of the polysaccharide on pp. 6-7 of the specification. Pp. 9-18 disclose methods for making these compounds that would obtain one skilled in the art to synthesize the claimed conjugates. Therefore the claimed invention meets the requirements of 35 USC 112.

Furthermore the claimed invention is seen to be novel and non-obvious over the specification as originally filed. The prior art does not disclose polysialic acid conjugates or any other polysaccharide conjugates having two sialic acid units according to the claims wherein the pendant moiety is linked at the reducing end, as opposed to the non-reducing end. Although some prior art references, such as Gregoriadis et al., discloses sialic acid polysaccharides having attached pendant groups, these conjugates are modified at the non-reducing end by oxidation of the vicinal diol group. There is no teaching in the prior art to use the reducing end, and in fact the non-reducing end is used because of the easy availability of the vicinal diol group on the non-reducing end of polysialic acid. As disclosed on p. 4 lines 5-8 of the specification, when attaching a conjugate at the reducing end of a polysialic acid containing polysaccharide it is preferred to carry out a preliminary deactivation step on the polysaccharide to inactivate the non-reducing end before derivatizing the reducing end. This is because of the reactive diol group on the non-reducing end which would

easily react with the oxidation and derivatization reagents used to derivatize the reducing end. One of ordinary skill in the art would not have introduced extra complexity into the reaction without any expectation that the result would be superior to simply derivatizing at the reducing end. Therefore the claims meet the requirements of 35 USC 102 and 103.

Accordingly, Applicant's amendment submitted March 16, 2009, is sufficient to remove all rejections made in the prior office action as discussed above and to place the application in condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled, "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric S. Olson whose telephone number is 571-272-9051. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shaojia Anna Jiang can be reached on (571)272-0627. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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